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SUBJECT: HEW PROPOSAL TO BASE EPIDEMIOLOGIST IN PORT OF SPAIN

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1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES BOARD OF REGENTS, MEETING AT MONA CAMPUS IN JAMAICA, ON SEPT 24 RATIFIED DECISION TO TURN TRINIDAD REGIONAL VIRUS LABORATORY (TRVL) OVER TO PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (PAHO) ADMINISTRATION AS DETERMINED EARLIER BY CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS. WAY IS THUS CLEAR FOR PAHO TO ASSUME ADMINISTRATION OF TRVL ON OCTOBER 1 AS PLANNED.

2. NO FIRM INFOR AVAILABLE HERE ON SELECTION OF NEW TRVL DIRECTOR, BUT WE UNDERSTAND SEVERAL CANDIDATES UNDER CONSIDERATION BY PAHO AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE IMMINENT.

3. TRVL SCIENTISTS ALSO ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHEN USG-FUNDED EPIDEMIOLOGIST WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN STAFF. EMBASSY RESPONSE IS THAT WE SIMPLY HAVE NO RECENT INFORMATION BUT STILL PRESUME THAT PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR DR. KARL WESTERN TO COME TO TRINIDAD WHEN ALL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM RESOLVED.
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